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S. 3124

To require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in the fields of renewable energy and efficiency, green technology, and sustainable environmental practices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 2008

Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community College
5 Sustainability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “community
3 college” means a 2-year institution of higher education,
4 as such term is defined in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

6 (b) WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN RE-
7 NEWABLE ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY, GREEN TECH-
8 NOLOGY, AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL PRAC-
9 TICES.—From funds made available under subsection (d),
10 the Secretary of Labor shall carry out a sustainability
11 workforce training and education program. In carrying
12 out the program, the Secretary shall award grants to com-
13 munity colleges to provide workforce training and edu-
14 cation in industries and practices, such as—

- 15 (1) alternative energy, including wind and solar
16 energy;
- 17 (2) green construction, green retrofitting, and
18 green design;
- 19 (3) green chemistry, green nanotechnology, or
20 green technology;
- 21 (4) water and energy conservation;
- 22 (5) recycling and waste reduction;
- 23 (6) sustainable agriculture and farming; and
- 24 (7) sustainable culinary practices.

25 (c) AWARD CONSIDERATIONS.—Of the funds made
26 available under subsection (b) for a fiscal year, not less

1 than \$50,000,000 shall be awarded to community colleges
2 with existing (as of the date of the award) sustainability
3 programs that lead to certificates or degrees in 1 or more
4 of the industries and practices described in paragraphs (1)
5 through (7) of subsection (b).

6 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated and there are appro-
8 priated to carry out this Act \$100,000,000 for fiscal year
9 2009 and each subsequent fiscal year.

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